

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION (37 CFR §1.121(b))

Please insert the following paragraph at line 2 of page 1 of the specification.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following paragraph at line 5 of page 1 of the specification.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following paragraph prior to line 1 of page 4 of the specification.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following paragraph at line 27 of page 5 of the specification.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following paragraph at line 1 of page 6 of the specification.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED VERSIONS OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following Abstract following the claims (such Abstract also being provided on a separate sheet accompanying this Preliminary Amendment, as per 37 CFR §1.72(b)):

A method for testing the pulsatile endurance of a vascular implant 3 comprises placing a resilient insert 4 into the implant and repeatedly expanding and contracting the insert, thereby expanding and contracting the implant. The insert preferably has a cavity therein and is repeatedly expanded and contracted by repeatedly increasing and decreasing the pressure in the cavity.